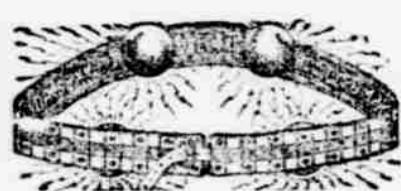


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### PUERTO RICO BILL READY TO REPORT.

Senate Committee Ends Its Consideration With Few Changes in the Measure.

TO BE SUBMITTED MONDAY.

It Would Substitute Civil for Military Government—Natives to Participate—Dingy Tariff Duties Lowered.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Senate Committee on Puerto Rico to-day concluded its consideration of the bill to provide a form of government for the Island of Puerto Rico. The bill stands in all essential particulars the same as when left by the committee at its meeting last Wednesday. The rate of duty provided for articles brought from Puerto Rico to the United States, and for articles taken from the United States to Puerto Rico is 25 per cent of the Duties by Senator.

Senator Parker, chairman of the committee, prepared a report, which has been adopted by the committee, and will be submitted with the bill in the Senate next Monday. The report states:

The purpose of the bill is to provide a temporary civil government for Puerto Rico, to continue until the laws and ordinances now in force in that Island can be revised and codified, and a more permanent form of government be framed by a commission to be appointed by the President.

The necessity for a commission of this character is manifest, when it is considered that the law and judicial system of the Island is almost identical with that of the United States generally now existing in the Islands, so widely different from ours as to make it impossible to do such work independently and comprehensively without that wider and more accurate knowledge that can be obtained only by visiting the Island and studying the whole situation as it there exists.

Because the legislation now under consideration is intended to stand only temporarily, the committee have sought to limit its duration, and in existing laws and conditions as appear now, to accomplish quickly purposes which are thought to be essential to the peace and prosperity of the Island.

Generally stated, the propositions are:

1. To substitute a civil for a military government.

2. To accord to the native Puerto Ricans as much participation therein as it

may be for the best interests of all concerned.

3. To avoid, so far as possible radical changes in the laws, courts and codes of procedure, and yet make such modifications as may be necessary, so as to be in accordance with the most objective features of Spanish government and judicial administration.

4. To provide a legislative authority that can deal with all domestic subjects of legislation.

5. To amend the navigation laws of the United States to the Island and enact such tariff, internal revenue and other provisions as will be necessary to effect for the support of the government, and to meet the expenses of such public institutions and public improvements as should be required, and to regulate the importation to a limited extent the raising of funds by issuing municipal and similar bonds in anticipation of revenue.

6. To render Puerto Rican coins now in circulation and substitute coins of the United States.

7. To regulate and regulate the granting of public and quasi-public franchises.

**Withholding the Constitution.** "The provisions that gave the committee some concern were first as to whether and in what manner the bill should be introduced in Congress, and second as to whether it was within the constitutional power of Congress to extend or to withhold the Constitution in all such cases as it might be necessary to do, as far as the authorities hereinafter cited, in support of the proposition that Congress has the right to extend the Constitution to the provisions of this bill with respect to import duties, to which provisions attention is now being called.

"Attention is called to detail in the legislation relating to territories in the past to show that the absolute procedure in not extending the provisions of the Constitution to territories of the United States, which it is not now in the power of Congress to do.

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